

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A bandolier of syringes for use in a controllable ~~an automated~~ syringe handling system, the bandolier comprising: a web; a multiplicity of syringes affixed ~~bound~~ to the web at a prescribed interval selected to permit handling by the controllable syringe handling system; and a control feature at a prescribed location relative to the web which is disposed within the prescribed interval and between the adjacent syringes, the control feature being configured to interact with the controllable syringe handling system so as to influence handling operations of the syringe handling system including the advancement of the bandolier ~~different from the surrounding web.~~
2. (Original) The bandolier of claim 1, wherein the control feature is a mark formed on a surface of the web.
3. (Original) The bandolier of claim 1, wherein the web is formed of at least one plastic sheet.
4. (Original) The bandolier of claim 1, wherein the web comprises first and second striplayers, the multiplicity of syringes being disposed between the first and second strip layers with the prescribed interval being defined by the first and second strip layers disposed between adjacent syringes.
5. (Original) The bandolier of claim 4, wherein the first and second strip layers are in intimate contact the multiplicity of syringes and the first and second strip layers are sealed against one another in the prescribed interval.
6. (Original) The bandolier of claim 1, wherein the control feature has a first reflective characteristic and the web surrounding the feature has a different second reflective characteristic.

7. (Original) The bandolier of claim 1, wherein there is a correlation between a location of the control feature in the prescribed interval and a type of syringe that is bound to the web.
8. (Currently Amended) A control system for an automated syringe handling system, the control system comprising: an indexer configured to advance a syringe through the automated syringe handling system; a bandolier of syringes supplying syringes to the indexer, the bandolier including: a web, a multiplicity of syringes ~~bound~~ affixed to the web at a prescribed interval, and a control feature disposed within the prescribed interval and between ~~the~~ adjacent syringes, the control feature being different from the surrounding web; and a detection system including a detector positioned to detect the control feature on the bandolier and perform a prescribed operation in response to the detection or non-detection of the control feature.
9. (Original) The control system of claim 8, further including a controller for advancing the bandolier, the controller being in communication with the detection system and the detection system being configured such that the detector sends a first signal to the controller upon sensing the control feature.
10. (Original) The control system of claim 9, wherein the first signal directs the controller to advance the bandolier a prescribed distance.
11. (Original) The control system of claim 8, wherein the detector is an optical detector arranged in cooperation with a light source and the control feature is an optical feature, the detector and light source detecting the optical feature of the bandolier when the optical feature is in proper registration therewith, the bandolier only being advanced if the

